

**In the Claims**

**Please substitute the following claim 1 for claim 1 now pending in the above-identified application.**

1. (Currently Amended) An immortalized hepatocyte cell culture of human normal cell origin retaining ~~an~~ CYP1A1, CYP1A2 and CYP3A enzyme activity involved in the metabolism of xenobiotics in the liver or the capability of expressing genes encoding enzymes involved in the metabolism of xenobiotics in the liver, wherein said enzymes are CYP1A1, CYP1A2 and CYP3A.

2. (Previously Presented) The cell culture according to Claim 1 wherein the retained enzyme activity is NADPH cytochrome P450 reductase activity, glucuronosyl transferase activity, ethoxyresorufine dealkylation activity, benzyloxyresorufine dealkylation activity, pentoxylresorufine dealkylation activity or methoxyresorufine dealkylation activity.

Claims 3 and 4 (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The cell culture according to Claim 1 wherein the cell culture is FERM BP-6328.

Claims 6-11 (Cancelled)